



# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## A Companion Resource to Sacred Fire



- The word "Harel" in Hebrew means mountain of God. In Sacred Fire, Mount Peniel is the highest peak in the Harel Range. What is the Hebrew meaning of “Peniel” and why is it significant to the story, especially Chapter 28, The Anointing?
- "In spiritu et veritate” comes from the Latin Vulgate bible. What is the English translation? Where is it found in the setting of Sacred Fire, and what do you think it conveys to the characters? What does it tell us as believers?
- In Chapter 10, The Beginning of All Wisdom, Jacob tells Sarah about the difference between ordinary fire and the sacred fire. What are the distinctions, and why do they matter? What theological significance do you see?
- In addition to the main characters, Sarah and Jacob, the novel has a large cast of supporting characters. Which one is your favorite, and why?
- Regarding Obadiah’s visions in Chapter 13 of Sacred Fire, do you have a favorite? What’s your prediction relative to later books in The Sacred Fire Saga? As Sarah wonders, are the visions meant to be taken literally or figuratively?
- The motif of fire is prominent throughout Sacred Fire. What does fire signify in the New Testament, and how does this relate to the sacred fire in the novel?
- The three holy days in the story, the Awakening, the Calling, and the Anointing, bear some similarities to important Biblical events. What are they? Which of the fictional holy days in Sacred Fire is most meaningful to you, and why?
- As in the Old Testament, there is an unconditional promise from God to the believers in Sacred Fire. What is that unconditional promise, or covenant, to the faithful remnant in the story?



If you’re curious about my answers to these questions, email me at [karen@karengrunst.com](mailto:karen@karengrunst.com). I’ll send you my responses along with insights into my thought process as the author. And if you have suggestions for additional discussion questions or feedback on the story, please let me know. Thanks!